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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: August 2, 2006
Meeting Time: 2:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Rep. David Frizzell, Chairperson; Rep. Don Lehe; Rep. David Orentlicher; Sen. Patricia Miller; Sen. Connie Lawson; Sen. Connie Sipes; Sen. Timothy Skinner.

Members Absent: Rep. Mae Dickinson.

Rep. David Frizzell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and asked the members of the Committee to introduce themselves. Rep. Frizzell said that this was the third year that the Committee was meeting and briefly described the actions of the Committee during the first two years.

Rep. Frizzell called on Ms. Karen Firestone, Legislative Services Agency (LSA), to discuss a survey of consumers and providers of FSSA services. Ms. Firestone reviewed material in the packet prepared for Committee members (Exhibits A - D). The first documents were the Senate Concurrent Resolution requiring the survey and SEA 42 requiring FSSA to provide information on recipients to LSA. The next document summarized the actions taken by LSA to begin the survey, the rationale and methods to be used for both the consumer and provider surveys, and the survey questions. The next document reviewed the bids that had been received from the Indiana University Survey Research Center and the IUPUI Survey Research Center for a telephone survey of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients. The final piece in the packet was an "About Us" page from each survey research center's website.

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Sen. Pat Miller recommended adding a question on the provider survey concerning FSSA's response time. Rep. Frizzell commented that consumers should understand that the survey will not affect their benefits. Sen. Lawson said she supported the idea of an outside research center to provide supervision of the interview staff and that she also liked the idea of sending a postcard announcing the survey. Sen. Skinner asked about the development of the questions and wanted to know if it would be a better idea to first find out what type of questions the research centers would ask the recipients.

Rep. Frizzell asked for support of the use of a research center for the consumer survey, and no objections were made. Next, he asked for support of the use of the IUPUI Survey Research Center. He indicated that the lower cost would not involve requesting approval for the expenditure from the legislative leadership. Rep. David Orentlicher recused himself because he knows the director of the IUPUI Survey Research Center. The remaining legislators gave support for use of IUPUI. With the addition of a question on response times for providers, the Committee gave approval for the surveys.

Rep. Frizzell indicated that the next meeting would most likely be scheduled in the middle of September and that members should contact him with issues they would like discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.